

The so-called Jesus, Do You Really Know HIM?

Knowing <u>OF</u> **someone** through relationships, work places, casual encounters, hearsay or history books, and in our present glorious era, through electronic and visual sightings, in itself neither earmarks a person with personal touch or personal knowledge, nor automatically bestow closeness and intimacy.

Cecil fittingly said: "The first step to knowledge is to know we are ignorant". It requires knowledge to sense ignorance, and at the absence of knowledge, obstinate ignorance has no wings to fly toward knowledge. "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all men liberally... let him ask in faith, nothing wavering" (Jam.1:5-6).

If our belief is based on ignorance and ambiguity, and we do not know the person, whom we claim to believe in, what good is a belief devoid of faith, as belief in the present is faith in the future, and faith without knowledge is utopia. "Faith comes by hearing (knowledge), and hearing by the word of God" (Rom 10:17).

Governments and financial institutions train their employees to know the real currency so that to detect the counterfeit, and not vice versa. If someone has no knowledge and conviction of the real story, subject matter or topic, how can he discern the tangible truth?

Knowledge is the earnest search, on one hand, to gain direct perception, understanding and acquaintance with, and on the other hand, to recognize the power of discerning thirst for truth.

"It is written: eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them that love Him. But God has revealed them unto us by His Spirit: for the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so, the things of God know no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God" (1Cor 2:10-12).

Only then, you will comprehend that it is your call, your choice, your move and your eternal life that matters, as the pursuit of intimate and relevant knowledge becomes an ongoing journey to the only destination: Friendship and Fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

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While knowing Him is an intimate *Relationship*,

Knowing of Him means acquainting,

While knowing Him is a committed *Friendship*,

Knowing of Him means e pluribus unum, (=one out of many)

While knowing Him thrones Him as the *One and Only Lord*,

Knowing of Him means a lost identity,

While knowing Him earns you to be *heir* with Him.

Knowing of Him means a lost sheep,

While knowing Him makes of you the child of the Living God.

Paul said it best: "I am determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ and Him Crucified" (1Cor 2:2).

When you know Him, you will experience His unconditional Love, you will realize His costly Redemption for your sins, you will sense His unwavering Faithfulness, you will boast of His Adoption of you, you will stand on His solemn Promise of Eternal Life and never to leave you or forsake you, and finally you will enjoy walking with Him, serving Him and reciprocating His Love, vertically and horizontally.

By His Holy Spirit, He will reveal Himself to you and direct you to do His will, and by His Grace, He will sustain you in His Righteousness, then you can't wait to meet with Him in prayers, to please Him and to love your fellowman.

As He reflected God, you will be reflecting Him through your faithfulness, your example, your devotion, your obedience and your love.

Once you humble yourself and ask the Holy Spirit to convict you of the Truth, you will readily recognize that:

- He is the **Bread** of **Life**,
- He is the **Light** of the **World**,
- He is the only **Door**,
- He is the Good Shepherd,
- He is the Vine,
- He is the **Resurrection**,
- He is the Way, the Truth and the Life,
- He is the only **Healer**, **Helper**, **Protector** and **Provider**,
- He is the Faithful **Friend**,
- He is the Prince of Peace,
- He is the King of kings,
- He is the Author and Perfector of your Faith,
- He is the One and Only Lord and Savior,
- *He is the All Sufficient* (EL Shaddai).

Then you can boldly and confidently exclaim with St. Paul: "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the Love of God, which is in Christ Jesus Our Lord". (Rom. 8:38-39)

Then you can boast of the only knowledge that matters, the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Creator of this universe and everything therein, and shout:

